

BY ELSIE GARNETTE

"Father," she answered, "I do not like the man, but, if I have to marry him, I had as well do it one time as another, and have that part of the drama over with. So, whenever you think proper, let me know and I will endeavor to act my part. Any time you may propose, I am ready."

"But your bridals are not secured yet," said the Col.

Commissioners of Emigration, which was made yesterday, shows a decrease of immigration during the first six months of this year in comparison with that of the same period in 1874 of 662. The Commissioners are of the opinion that the total immigration will not amount to 20,000. For this fully 30,000 will not pay any head tax whatever. They do not expect the actual receipts to be half of those for 1874.

fifteen thousand dollars for the extermination of this plague. An ingenious Minnesotan has contrived a trap, run by horse power, which catches from five to twenty bushels a day, and the catchers bring them to town in wagons, wheelbarrows, and even in bags on their backs. When paid for they are buried in deep trenches and it is said that by next week Minnesota will be rid of grasshoppers.—*Herald*.

...nce, as indispensably necessary to useful legislation. There is no person in the State, it seems to me, who has sense enough to form a judgment upon the subject at all who, at the same time, is capable of freeing himself from the blinding effects of prejudice and self interest, who does not understand and acknowledge this. Many of its provisions are foreign to our habits and modes of life, unsuited to the condition of

our legislative enactments, and in every walk in life, shows that it is inseparable obstacle to good government."

EDWARD CONIGLAND says:
"The Constitution of 1868 is not adapted to the wants of the people, is burdensome and oppressive in its operation, and should be amended in the most efficient and speediest practicable mode."

Poetry.

WHO KNOWS? OR, HOME QUESTIONS.

Who knows where all the buttons go,
Where all the buttons stray?
Who knows where all the pennies go,
That somehow get away?
Who knows how all the china breaks,
That wasn't touched at all?
How baby got so black a bruise
Yet never gets a fall?

Who knows whence all the fashions come
And where they disappear?
Why one brief month should make a fright
Of what was "such a dear"?
Who knows how little can swell
To such a prodigious size?
Who knows indeed, what's going on
Beneath his very eyes?

Who knows just where her husband goes
When "business" keeps him out?
Who knows when best to wear a smile,
And when to wear a pout?
Who knows the time to face the fact,
That she's no longer young?
Who knows how best to speak her mind,
And how to hold her tongue?

Who knows the most convenient day
To bring a friend to dine?
Who knows the half of what he spends
On clubs, cigars and wine?
Who knows one cannot last
A woman all her life?
Who knows the woman is the same
When sweetheart turned to wife?

Who knows why all the pretty girls
Are often late to go?
How all the ugly women we
Who never have a beau?
Why small men fancy wives so large
And large men fancy wives so small?
Who knows, in fact, how half the world
Was ever matched at all?

Who knows how far to trust a friend,
How far to hate a foe?
Just when to speak a kindly word,
And when a sturdy No?
Who knows—the good old Grecian sage
Says gravely, from the shelf,
The wisest man in all the world
Is he who knows himself.

Humorous.

THE LONE CABIN.

A gentleman residing in this city had occasion a few days since, to make a journey down the river and several miles back from it, using a saddle-horse. Darkness overtook him in a bad condition and the evening looked threatening, he halted before a forlorn-looking hut, and asked if he could find lodgings.

"I reckon you might," replied the long-haired, sorrowful-eyed squatter, after hesitating for a moment.

The Vicksburger found little to eat, and his horse found still less. The squatter and his wife were alone, and they had but few words for the stranger, and scarcely spoke to each other. When the evening grew old the traveler snuggled down on the floor on a blanket, and being very tired he fell asleep while host and hostess were smoking their black clay pipes at the other end of the room. He slept about two hours when the squatter shook him by the shoulder and said:

"Stranger, I'm powerful sorry to disturb you, but I want to ask a favor."

"Yes—yes—what is it?" inquired the Vicksburger, as he rubbed his eyes and sat up.

"Ye like to see a fair play, don't ye, stranger?"

"Yes, of course."

"Well, I'm sorry," put in the Vicksburger as the squatter hesitated.

"We're been a-talkin' since ye came, stranger, and we've made up to ask ye to hold the candle and let us go in for an old rouser of a fight—a regular ole sockolager which shall settle our fust! If I lick she'll go; if she lick I'll travel!"

"I'm sorry if there's any trouble, and I hope you won't fight."

"We've got to do it, stranger!" replied the woman, "I want live with a man who kin lick me, and he's just as high-born. Sam's as good as the run of 'em, he's lazy and sassy and wants to wear his hat on his ear!"

"She's right, stranger," said the squatter, "and this cabin can't hold both of us any longer. It's to be a squar fight—no kicking or clubbing, and we wait go back on yer decision!"

The Vicksburger protested, but the woman placed a lighted candle in his hand, and posted him in the door, and man and wife stepped out on the ground. "Suke I'm going to wallop ye right smart in just four hooks and a holier!" said the squatter as he pushed up his sleeves.

"Sam, ye don't weigh 'buff into three tons!" she replied in a grim voice, and the battle commenced.

The Vicksburger mentally bet twenty to one on the man at the start, but in two minutes he had reduced the odds to ten, and in two minutes more he was betting even. The wife was like a wild-cat, springing, dodging, striking and clawing, and pretty soon her husband had to stand on the defense.

"Look out for the Bengal tiger, Suke!" he warned as he clawed the air.

"I can whip the boots off'n ye, Sam!" she replied, and the battle grew fiercer. One of the woman's slaps, smacked the husband's eye and blinded him for an instant. As he threw up his arms she seized both her hands in to his hair, yanked him down, and in another moment had the "gouge" on him.

"Sam, do ye cave?" she asked, as they lay quiet.

"That's the dead-wood, Suke, and I'm a ticked man!" he mournfully answered.

She let him up, he turned to the Vicksburger and inquired:

"Stranger, was it a fair fight?"

"I guess it was!"

"Then I travel!"

He entered the hut, put on his coat and hat, took up his rifle, and as he came out he reached his hand to his wife, and said:

"Good-bye, Suke. We agreed fair and square, and here I go!" Then turning to the traveler he added:

"Much obliged, stranger—ye held the candle plumb fair and ye didn't holier for either one of us!"

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"Good-bye on the spot," mused the wife as she gazed after him, "but his fighting weight's clear run down to nuthin'!"

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